

2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ***BILL REVIEW AND STATUS***

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020

NOTE: TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF THE 2020 SESSION. BILLS NOT YET SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR REMAIN SUBJECT TO HIS VETO. PROPOSED INTERM TOPICS FOR THE 2021 SESSION WILL BE ASSIGNED AT A MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 26TH.

For more information, call the WSGA office at 307-638-3942.

HOUSE BILLS

HB 01 BUDGET BILL—See SF 1 below.

HB 13 SAGE GROUSE MITIGATION CREDITS—Establishes a program for compensatory mitigation credits for sage grouse under the Board of land Commissioners; creates an oversight group; establishes accounts for administrative fees and for financial assurances.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Strongly Support as Amended

HB 14 DRILLING UNITS-RISK PENALTIES AND MANDATORY ROYALTIES—Time limits a pooling order to 12 months unless operations are started; reduces the risk penalty for a non-leased non-consenting owner from 300% for drilling/200% for equipment to 200%/125% for the first well and 150%/125% for subsequent wells; provides for a 16% royalty option for the non-consenting owner.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

HB 36 PESTICIDE REGISTRATION FEE—Increases the pesticide registration fee from \$90 to \$140; funds continue to be allocated to Weed & Pest Districts and pesticide applicator certification.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Support

HB 38 WEED AND PEST AMENDMENTS—Establishes a process for entry upon private land for inspection with probable cause through notice and, if necessary, a court granted inspection warrant.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Support

HB 81 EMERGENCY WATER PROJECTS ACCOUNT—Directs up to \$10 million of Carey Act revenues into an account for expenditure by the Water Development Commission with the approval of the State Loan and Investment Board for emergency repairs to irrigation infrastructure.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

HB 84 FOOD FREEDOM AMENDMENTS—Allows a non-producer such as a retail establishment to sell “non-potentially hazardous food” with proper labeling. Does not include meat products.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 88 LIVESTOCK BOARD INVESTIGATORS—Authorizes the money for an additional livestock investigator to be funded with WDA animal remedy registration fees, increased from \$20 to \$40, supplemented by funds from the inspection account.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Support

HB 99 ANIMAL REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM-AMENDMENTS—Allows brucellosis reimbursement funds to be used for expenses incurred in testing and mitigating the impacts of a quarantine; appropriates an additional \$50,000 to the account.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

HB 142 AGRICULTURE MARKETING FUNDS-PROCESSING PLANTS—Allocates up to \$1 million of current agriculture marketing funds to be used in support of mid-sized meat processing plants for export and interstate sales.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

HB 155 ANIMAL SHARES—Authorizes a consumer who has acquired a contractual interest in an animal or a herd of animals to receive meat from that animal without it being processed in an inspected facility.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 162 STATE TRUST LANDS –PROPOSALS AND STUDY—Requires the Office of State Lands to actively solicit proposals for development of trust lands through sale, transfer or lease.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Monitor

HB 176 GAME & FISH-DATA PROTECTION—Protects from public disclosure personal information and geographic information related to the taking of wildlife unless authorized by the person taking the wildlife and any geographic information on private land unless authorized by the landowner.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Support

HB 194 WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FEES—Increases WDA registration fees for commercial feed, fertilizer, animal remedies, measuring device certifications.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Monitor

SENATE FILES

SF 01 BUDGET BILL—Passed. Highlights impacting Agriculture:

- Governor’s Office: \$250,000—Access to and export growth in international markets.
- Dept. of Agriculture: \$120,000—Regulation of hemp production
\$300,000—WY Agriculture in the Classroom;
\$145,000 Wolf depredation compensation
- State Parks & Cultural resources: \$30,000—Centennial Farm & Ranch Program
- Wildlife & Natural Resource Trust: \$3 million—Highway wildlife crossings and fencing (match required)
- Livestock Board: \$50,000—Livestock law enforcement account
- State Lands: \$500,000 —Invasive & noxious weed control on state lands
\$500,000—Insect infestations on private, state or federal lands
- UW College of Agriculture: \$1.5 million—Endowed professorships (match required)
\$2.5 million—Excellence in ag education & research endowment (match required)
- Business council: \$300,000—Agricultural Marketing subaccount transfer

SF 36 LARGE SCALE SOLAR AND WIND ENERGY FACILITIES—Establishes minimum standards and criteria for commercial wind & solar installations; establishes industrial siting jurisdiction and county permitting.

Status: Passed Senate & House

WSGA Position: Support with Amendments

SF 41 ANIMAL DAMAGE MANAGEMENT FUNDING— Increase from \$100,000 to \$200,000 the amount that the Animal Damage Management Board may request from the Game & Fish for predator control with a preference on lands that allow hunting; replaces the Wildlife Damage Management Stamp with a voluntary \$2 predator control fee on hunting licenses.

Status: Passed Senate & House

WSGA Position: Strongly Support

SF 81 LIVESTOCK BRAND ADMINISTRATION—Authorizes the Livestock Board to extend brand recording periods in ten year increments for up to one hundred years..

Status: Passed Senate & House

WSGA Position: Support

SF 138 INVESTMENT OF STATE FUNDS—Authorizes the State Loan and Investment Board to purchase real property interests, surface and mineral, at fair market value using funds from the sale of bonds, permanent mineral trust fund permanent land fund and other accounts; provides for the management of such acquisitions including potential sale or exchange; provides for payment in lieu of taxes to local governments from such lands: requires legislative approval for the purchase.

Status: Passed House & Senate

WSGA Position: Monitor

BILLS THAT FAILED OR DID NOT RECEIVE CONSIDERATION

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| HB 29 DESIGNATION OF MIGRATION CORRIDORS | <u>WSGA Position: Monitor</u> |
| HB 33 AGRICULTURAL LAND QUALIFICATION | <u>WSGA Position: Monitor</u> |
| HB 35 WOLF DEPREDATION COMPENSATION | <u>WSGA Position: Support</u> |
| HB 37 VOLUNTARY LAND EXCHANGE PROCESS | <u>WSGA Position: Support</u> |
| HB 58 STATE ENGINEER LIST OF APPROVED FLUMES | <u>WSGA Position: Support</u> |
| HB 63 FUEL TAX | <u>WSGA Position: Support</u> |
| HB 78 FIREARMS IN PRIVATE VEHICLES | <u>WSGA Position: Monitor</u> |
| HB 111 SPLIT ESTATES-MEASURE OF DAMAGES | <u>WSGA Position: Support</u> |
| HB 116 SPLIT ESTATES-GOOD FAITH NEGOTIATIONS | <u>WSGA Position: Monitor</u> |
| HB 202 WILDLIFE DAMAGE CLAIMS | <u>WSGA Position: Monitor</u> |
| HB 215 DESIGNATED MIGRATION CORRIDORS-LIMIT | <u>WSGA Position: Oppose</u> |
| HB 218 STATE LAND EXCHANGES-NOTICE AND POSTING | <u>WSGA Position: Monitor</u> |
| HB 219 STATE LAND LEASES-DISPOSAL RULES | <u>WSGA Position: Support</u> |
| HB 244 BEEF CHECK-OFF PENALTY REPEAL | <u>WSGA Position: Strongly Oppose</u> |
| HJR 1 STATE LAND MINERAL ROYALTIES-CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT | <u>WSGA Position: Strongly Oppose</u> |
| SF 31 UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING-LAND GRANT MISSION REPORT | <u>WSGA Position: Support</u> |
| SF 33 EXTENSION AGENTS | <u>WSGA Position: Oppose</u> |
| SF 67 CRIMINAL TRESPASS | <u>WSGA Position: Strongly Support</u> |
| SF 74 PERMIT NOT REQUIRED FOR USING A DEMINIMUS AMOUNT OF WATER | <u>WSGA Position: Oppose</u> |
| SF 75 INSTREAM FLOW APPLICATION PROCESS | <u>WSGA Position: Support</u> |
| SF 94 HUNTING LICENSES-RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT | <u>WSGA Position: Strongly Oppose</u> |
| SF 95 WYOMING COLORADO RIVER COMMITTEE | <u>WSGA Position: Monitor</u> |
| SF 110 EVALUATING THE TAX EQUIVALENCY OF FEDERAL LAND IN WYOMING | <u>WSGA Position: Monitor</u> |
| SF 135 MIGRATION CORRIDORS | <u>WSGA Position: Oppose</u> |
| SF 138 INVESTMENT OF STATE FUNDS-2—Mirrors <small>HB 249</small> <small>Advertisement</small> | <u>WSGA Position: Monitor</u> |

WSGA SCORECARD: The only bill strongly supported by WSGA that failed was SF 67 Criminal Trespass. No bills strongly opposed by WSGA were passed.